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## "W.G."

Printers of **THE LOG**, West Bros., have become part of its very spirit. For many years, these two brothers, Mr. W. G. West and Mr. Horace West, have been helpful in difficult times and lively in taking up a new view—and for many years they have been held in affection at Toc H Women's Association HQ. It is with great regret that we announce the death, in August, of "W.G." and extend our deepest sympathy to all his family.

EDITOR.

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER, 1966

WISH your very own Log a happy birthday.

In October, this magazine is forty years old.

But you won't find us harking back. And at this moment of time, that's deliberate. Read Tubby's message of Godspeed on p. 121 and, although it was first published in October 1926, its good wishes and vision wave you forward . . .

Read the excerpts from a letter of the Vice-Patron of Toc H on p. 128. Again the emphasis is on to-day, *now*. Is this next phase of Toc H "to be a new jumping-off point in the history of the Movement"? And is the Women's Association right on its toes to help it to be ?

READING this number—and having a go at newspapers and radio, too—it is stark-staring obvious that there is much to be done in the many constructive ways the Association, at its best, handles with such skill and faith—enough effort to be lined up, perhaps, to fill another forty years bang full. Enough explosive effort, it may be, to shatter some tightly drawn and too tightly held-to patterns of thinking.

When you give a kaleidoscope even a little turn, you see a full and bright new shape to things . . .

"Ideas and hopes"—see p. 132—and good clear-cut thinking about them, can be shared with the membership through the Log as well as the factual news so many of you contribute to build up a mirror of the Association's tremendous and enduring concern and effort for the happiness of individual souls. The really good "ideas and hopes" kind of article has been more difficult to find, more rare.

BUT during the time that I have known you there have been moments when I have been electrified—jumped off to a new view—by the extraordinary love and courage and fellowship mustered by members of the Movement to do some "impossible" job: which has *got* done.

Heaven knows how . . .

Editor: BARBARA VISE

# RENEWING A

**A**N earlier Michaelmas Day leaflet began with the suggestion "pray first of all for an understanding of what prayer is." When the word was used in ordinary conversation and not confined to religious occasions, "pray" meant "beg" or "implore". The speaker felt too strongly, too much in need, merely to ask. For most of us this is the mood of our religious praying. We resort to prayer when a situation threatens to overwhelm us. This is human nature. Whether our praying at such times will result in any real change, either in ourselves, or in the situation, depends on the praying we have done when there was no panic.

To have recognised the beauty in the world, and by contrast, the ugliness, and to be thankful for the one and determined to change the other, is to nourish the right spirit. So is to enjoy music, architecture, worship, the world of nature, grace of character, movement or speech. In all these, we store up resources on which to draw when we face conditions that provoke a troubled spirit.

It is also a way to establish a perspective that will help to keep difficulties down to their real size. It will give a standard of one's own, by which to judge the true from the false, and goodness from everything that is less. Our judgment matures by deliberate contact with the best we can find in the past or the contemporary scene.

Of course, goodness of this kind does not come from a single day of quiet, but it is a start of a good habit. The best and strongest characters, whether well-known among millions, or unknown except by their closest friends, all seem alike in one respect. Maturity for human beings comes slowly. It is given not in our busy activity, but in our quiet reflection and meditation on the meaning of what has been said or done. Whenever we give time for prayer like this the Holy Spirit speaks, and "in His light, we see light."

**M**ICHAELMAS DAY is one of the annual opportunities for women in Toc H (and the men also, if you can persuade them as they have persuaded you to share in the World Chain of Light), deliberately to be quiet. There are thousands of others doing the same thing, and like a Bank Holiday, the atmosphere helps to create the mood.

Finally in prayer, for Jesus the right expectation was all important. The first thirteen verses of the eleventh chapter of Luke's gospel, and the first eight verses of the eighteenth chapter are on this theme. If these are read, together with the fifty-



# RIGHT SPIRIT

The REV. "BOB" KNIGHT writes a Michaelmas Day article to prepare our minds for September 29th—this year, next year, or even the one after —

fifth chapter of Isaiah, as a preparation, there is more likelihood of our praying, believing in the generosity of God.

You find in practice that an unwilling friend will, if you persist, get up in the middle of the night and help you out; that a civil servant who fears neither God nor man, will relent in favour of a defenceless widow. Parents who are often undecided about whether their children's requests should be met, nevertheless never hesitate in the face of their genuine need. If humans, for all their limitations, in the end behave like that, how much more will a heavenly Father give you His Spirit, if you want it? This was repeatedly the way our Lord argued.

"We pray Thee to send into our hearts, and into the hearts of all, the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ."



*"MARTHA", that intrepid go-getter, played her useful part in Westminster Abbey's 900th Anniversary Celebrations. She collected and delivered goods for the Market and Fair held in Dean's Yard, Westminster, and here, the day before the opening, are some of the Women's Association staff outside Crutched Friars House and on the job—into which many Branches had thrown their hearts to help to make the Toc H stall a success.*

# *The General Secretary gets about . . .*

VERA HARLEY jots down some of her comings and goings in June and July . . . a lively diary . . .

**JUNE 13th.-17th.**

**A**T the Staff Conference at Lincoln, matters under discussion were *Integration* which included *Boundaries* and *Joint Teams*. We discussed *Mobile Action*, *Staff Deputies*, the *Conference House*; the *Four Points of the Compass* and *Toc H Marks*.

Our Speaker was Mrs. Jalna Hammer, Youth Consultant to Y.W.C.A.

On one evening we went out in five parties and visited different Branches in Lincolnshire where there is no staff. On the last night, for a treat, we went to a performance of John Neville's production at the Nottingham Playhouse of *Measure for Measure*—which was superb. We were met by Kathleen Wray and Yvette Frymann who came with us to the theatre.

Following the Conference, returned with Molly Oxenford to Yorkshire, spoke to Branches in York, Leeds and Scarborough and was entertained to coffee at the Archbishop's Palace by Mrs. Coggan.

**JUNE 27th.**—attended the Silver Jubilee of Toc H and the Women's Association in Dover.

**JUNE 28th.-30th.**—attended a Conference in London run by the World Council of Churches and Christian Aid—on *Communication*.

**JULY 1st.**—drove to Birmingham with Phyllis Wolfe, saw Sheldon House and was entertained to dinner by representatives of the Women's Association in that Area.

**JULY 2nd.**—attended Area Team at Leamington.

**JULY 11th.**—spoke and showed slides to the Bexleyheath Women's Association.

**JULY 13th.**—attended the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. The First meeting of the Joint Executive Team (JET) took place.

**JULY 15th.**—the Conference House Committee met and various properties are now under consideration.

**JULY 19th.**—attended the official Opening of the Westminster Fair (wet). Attended a Garden Party for the Winant Volunteers in the afternoon.



October 1926—that is when the LOG was born, and here is a copy of the letter Tubby wrote in Godspeed for that time. To date, as they say, this “Sister-ship” has run a forty-year course with its cargo of news, ideas and pictures mirroring and making known the activities, ideas, plans and interests of the Movement, carrying many “a loyal and hard-working crew” of contributors under its Toc H flag and blessed with the great good will of the membership: EDITOR (present edition!)

## TUBBY'S LETTER

### MY DEAR EDITOR

It is an old fashion of farewell for the quayside or platform to be lined by good folk waving handkerchiefs at the departing ship or train, as though dusting it from a distance. The process is ineffective yet an abiding symbol of true love.

To-day it is my lot most weeks in a year to wave a piece of writing paper at the launch of some new ship in the now great fleet sailing under the flag of Toc H; for it would keep you busy to read all the Toc H journals which are now published at home and in Australia and India.

Here and now I am permitted to wave Godspeed to the first of our Sister-ships, sailing this day under your command; and I do so with high hopes indeed. What shall I wish you, which you have not already to your beck and call? A loyal and hard-working crew, responsible and like-minded officers, a buoyant and valuable cargo that can be relied upon not to shift in a cap of wind, and to bring you good profit when delivered? All these are yours already, granted before you ask for them. For the Grace of God is within and around the L.W.H. developments, as any one may see who stays for a moment to consider how silent and how sure its growth has been already; how fine its purposes; how steady its record of accomplishment. You are wise, I am sure, to have no name as yet; if I remember rightly, both the Friars Minor and the Poor Clares waited on unnamed for the first few years of their amazing history. The right name will surely come, as the work itself goes forward. Here then is my mite of “Godspeed” for your maiden voyage. Your first number will be an heirloom in the years to be.

Yours always,  
TUBBY

# AT THE HEART OF THINGS—

**W**AS it a strange coincidence that it was through a South African friend that our Overseas Secretary first came to Toc H? Elisabeth Hildesley, as she then was, helped in the Lunch Club in Great Tower Street and in May 1937 joined the staff as secretary to Helen Benbow who was then General Secretary.

In January 1938 Helen went to Australia and Elisabeth acted as General Secretary until the outbreak of war in 1939 when Helen returned. At the beginning of 1940 Elisabeth left the staff and married the Reverend David Worth—also of Toc H. During the war they lived in Sussex, and Elisabeth was a member of the Brighton Branch.

When Padre Worth was appointed to the staff of the College of St. Mark and St. John, Chelsea, he and Elisabeth and their two small sons came to live in London and we were glad to have Elisabeth's wise counsel and help at Headquarters from time to time. In 1953 she was appointed Overseas Secretary—technically a part-time job but in reality much more than that. Only those close to the heart of things know how much Elisabeth has given to the Association in so many ways. Helpful to Rita Fowler, when she was appointed General Secretary in 1954; helpful to Vera Harley, appointed General Secretary in 1966, Elisabeth also stepped into the breach between Rita's resignation in 1965 and Vera's coming in January of this year, once again during that time acting as General Secretary as well as carrying all her own work.

All this sets out merely the bare bones of the job Elisabeth has done for us. Many members from Overseas have had the joy of being welcomed in her own home and made to feel among friends in a strange country. She has done much to interest members—both at home and overseas—in the cause of refugees and work with overseas students. A number of these students have been introduced by her to the houses of our members and friends. The Holidays for Overseas Nurses scheme has had her backing and encouragement since its inauguration.

Elisabeth must be known by many hundreds of members in many countries by her regular contributions to *THE LOG* and as Chief Editor, for several years, of *Letters from London* in the overseas Toc H magazines.

And so, very regretfully, we say good-bye to a loyal and devoted Overseas Secretary and a staunch friend of Toc H. Our heartfelt thanks go to her and her husband and sons who have spared so much of her time to us for so long.



— and that is where **ELISABETH WORTH** has worked at Crutched Friars House for many years and now that she is retiring from her devoted job as **OVERSEAS SECRETARY** to **Toch Women's Association**, **JANE TWINCH** outlines the wide spread over which she has used her excellent organising ability and understanding



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## OVERSEAS NEWS

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from Elisabeth Worth

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“**B**UT what can an aged couple . . . do? . . . The flat is so hopelessly bare and cold-looking that it made me feel terribly sad—a table and two chairs . . .”

So wrote a welfare worker among ex-refugees in Austria. Yes, the couple have been given a flat, one of those built under a special scheme, but they are old, too sensitive and proud to beg; the husband, who is blind and almost deaf, has been wounded in two world wars and now ends his life in poverty and miserable conditions—a “living death” for him. His wife tries to bear his burden as well as her own and remains wonderfully lively and brave. They need furniture, curtains, floor coverings, clothes, some form of heating for their empty room, which is bitterly cold in winter.

Many of the re-settled refugees are doing well, a few even are quite prosperous, but the old, the sick, those with large families

to bring up and launch, often with a handicapped child, still need our interest and practical help and the knowledge that somebody cares. Human nature being what it is, the ill and poor and elderly and bereaved still feel far from happy, and for ever exiled and homesick, living their lives out in bitter poverty.

Joyce Biddell, who was for some time on the staff of the World Council of Churches working among refugees, still spends some time in Austria as a voluntary worker every winter and she knows, at first hand, the need of some fresh interest leading to "adoptions" and the finding of new sponsors. The people in the case quoted above are among her friends out there and she can hand-pick others and visit and report on their circumstances and needs. She can also spend wisely, in small grants to suitable families, any money which is subscribed.

Some years ago Toc H women's Branches were active in their help to European refugees and many continue their friendship and, where still needed, their help. A few are concerned that they may be being exploited by now prosperous ex-refugees and they have no way of checking on this.

The centre of attention and need of help for refugees is now Africa, where the political situation in a number of countries has caused a population upheaval of enormous proportions. Asia too, has a huge refugee problem.

Let us not forget the claims of Europe and, having put our hands to the plough there, can we not help to finish the job? With so many people travelling in Europe for holidays it should be possible for some personal interest and more visiting to take place, too.

If you, or your Branch or District, would like to help, will you write direct to Miss Joyce Biddell, c/o The Bishop of Grantham, Stoke Rochford, near Grantham, Lincolnshire, for her advice and an introduction to a family who would welcome and appreciate it?

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## 1966

Here is a first look at the Association's two Christmas Cards for 1966. Elizabeth Twistington Higgins's is a lovely design of Angels in adoration of the Madonna and Child, blue on a white background, and is the card shared with Toc H. The charming Christmas Robin in black and white and sporting a red breast and border is by Pam Cory. Each card is reproduced actual size; the Madonna and Child card costs 6/- a dozen, postage extra; the Robin, 4/- plus postage. Both from: Toc H Women's Association, Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3.





**CHRISTMAS  
CARDS**



## SHELDON HOUSE

ROSE RADFORD, Chairman of Sheldon House for Girls Appeal, sent us a report on their Annual General Meeting. Here are some points of interest from the report

**T**HE Chair was taken by a patron, Mrs. Glass, J.P., who when Lady Mayoress helped so much in the initial stages.

**MISS RADFORD** reported on the House:—

The girls were now welcoming and entertaining visitors. They had organized a Coffee Evening, and a Bring and Buy Sale, and over Christmas had had a wonderful time.

At the moment there were nine girls living at Sheldon House, but that it was hoped eventually to have twelve. Grateful thanks were expressed by Miss Radford to everyone who had been involved in any way. With regard to the Property, at the present time this was rented, but it was now the Committee's ambition to purchase their own property. They had that day heard that the B.B.C. had granted an Appeal to people in the Midlands for Sheldon House. This would be on the first Sunday in December.

Miss Radford ended by speaking about the tremendous part that Mrs. Howard had played in the successful running of the House, and underlined what a great task this was. Mrs. Howard was always ready to listen to the girls' problems and to show an interest in whatever they did. It was important that the girls felt this sense of friendship and security—thus achieving the object of the House.

### **THE TREASURER, MR. EDWARDS**

Mr. Edwards said that everyone had been presented with a copy of the Accounts and as could be seen, they had not overspent. Cash in hand was really £5,658 although at the end of the year that was £5,367. The estimated run of the House was £1,000 per year.

The Charity Commissioners had agreed to let Sheldon House have the allowed income from the Sutton Coldfield Home of Rest Trust. This was estimated to be £200 per year.

### **MRS. J. KNIGHT, M.P. FOR EDGBASTON**

The guest speaker, Mrs. J. Knight, M.P. for Edgbaston, said the "growing up" period in young people's lives was difficult—coping with a new job, etc., but how much more so for a deprived child. How important it was for them to feel a sense of security. The H Women's Association had thought about this and got down to doing something about it. They had provided not just a hostel, but a home.



# "DAYSIE"

**B**ELOW is reprinted, by permission, an obituary notice of "Daysie" Day published on May 30th, 1966, in the *Nottingham Evening Post*. And under it is a letter from a member who has a lively picture in her mind of "Daysie's" character and inspiring work at Radipole.

## DEATH OF CITY TOC H VETERAN

The funeral will take place at St. John's, Carrington, tomorrow, of Miss Florence Annie Day, the Nottingham-born woman who devoted a lifetime's work to the Toc H.

She died in a Nottingham nursing home last Thursday, aged 74.

Miss Day was born at Basford, where her father was a baker, and attended All Saints' Church as a child.

## Volunteered

During World War I she volunteered and served with the WAAC, later transferring to the newly-formed WRAF.

After being demobilised, she joined Toc H and was responsible for starting the women's section of Toc H in Australia and New Zealand.

Miss Day then returned to England and joined the Rev. Tubby Clayton's staff at Toc H headquarters in London.

Retiring two years ago, she came to live with her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buchanan, at 32 Arleston Drive, Wollaton, but had been in a nursing home for the past 12 months.



## DEAR EDITOR

As "Daysie" Day was the Pilot of Radipole Branch for a while I wonder if you would like something about her time with us?

Radipole Branch was very young when Daysie came to us and she was soon asked to be our Pilot; this office she held until she left about 1951. I was a probationer at the time and shall never forget the picture she gave me of Toc H: — Good neighbourliness, tolerance and laughter. In an old report of the Branch the following was said: "Daysie has been a tower of strength to us all, encouraging us, laughing with us, scolding us, and thus bringing us to a sense of proportion and balance, and she is ever ready to help any of us whenever we go to her." Until last year Daysie has kept in touch with us at Christmas and has always been most interested in members that she knew.

She was a wonderful woman, we loved her dearly and are better for having known her.

ETHEL M. BUCHANAN

# An Honest Look

ON Midsummer Day Toc H Headquarters sent every Branch Chairman in the United Kingdom a letter from the Vice-Patron. Here are some of the points the Hon. Angus Ogilvy made and which may also light some helpful thoughts among the Women's Association membership.

"Jubilee Year is over and this seems to be a good time to take stock. Only if we look at ourselves honestly and objectively and then do something about it—shall we be able to look back upon this period as a new jumping off point in the history of the Movement. Two things have impressed me during 1965:—

"1. The first is that there is a new vitality within the Movement. Examples of this are the Toc H Volunteers, Mobile Action Groups, Pioneers, and lively Branches up and down the country. Despite this, my impression—rightly or wrongly—is that too much is being done by too few people."

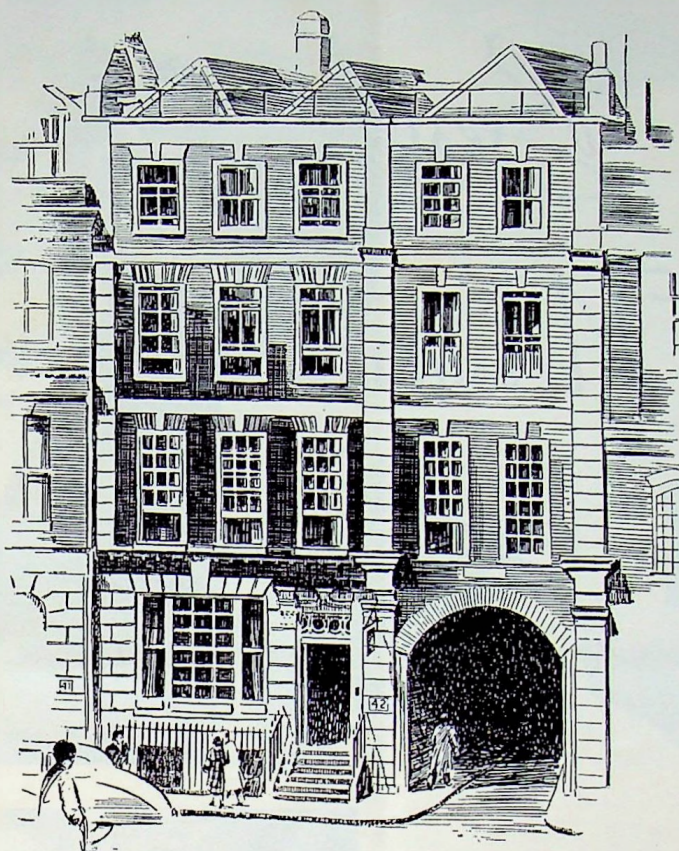
"I wish I could offer you a simple prescription of the practical steps Toc H can take locally to demonstrate the friendship its members wish to offer but there is no ready-made solution. The Four Points are experienced only by a group meeting, working and playing together. How to get together new groups depends on the gifts of local members and friends. The point of contact may be through music, art, drama, games, sport or any other activity. The place of contact in the modern world is not as likely to be in a meeting room: but rather at work, in a coffee bar, restaurant, a shop or in the street."

"2. The other thing I feel very strongly is that what Toc H needs is more members to do its work more effectively. There is so much to be done and yet the tragedy is that the membership at the moment is declining.

"Why is this? The reason, in my view—and it's much better to face facts—is that Toc H just doesn't appeal sufficiently to people. In some parts of the country the image of Toc H is not what it might be. Too many outsiders regard it as a sort of 1914-18 War ex-Servicemen's organisation and too few people know, in fact, what it does and what it stands for. Yet when one explains what it's all about—I have found, from personal experience, that there is a great deal of goodwill waiting to be harnessed. This we must utilise if we are really going to make an impact on this modern world.

"The future of Toc H must be decided by the members, not only by Headquarters. It is important we all pull together on this. The first requirement is that we should know about each other's thoughts and actions and swap constructive ideas."





### CRUTCHED FRIARS HOUSE

With Roman tiles and Tudor bricks built into the cellars, the house which adjoined the mediaeval foundation of the Crutched Friars, has connections with Alderman Fitzwarren and Dick Whittington. The erection of the present building must have interested Samuel Pepys who lived opposite. In 1685 it was occupied by the Spanish Embassy. The gift of Mrs. Tetley, it became the headquarters of the T. C. H. Women's Association in 1938.

**PICTURE ON THE FRONT; WORDS ON THE BACK—YOU CAN BUY A CARD LIKE THIS FROM HEADQUARTERS FOR 6d. BRANCHES BUYING IN QUANTITY CAN BUY AT THE RATE OF A DOZEN FOR 4/6. POSTAGE IS EXTRA.**

# Best Wishes



WE GUESS you were interested to read about South Hackney's successful Wishing Week in the July-August LOG. Among the latest developments in that imaginative exercise is an invitation from the local Member of Parliament to two of the people at the Mark. He has invited them to visit him and discuss the survey. We wished for a picture and now we have one: of the Mark, "Martha", Nancy Griffiths, Gualter de Mello and John Jans in preparation for some intensive door-knocking

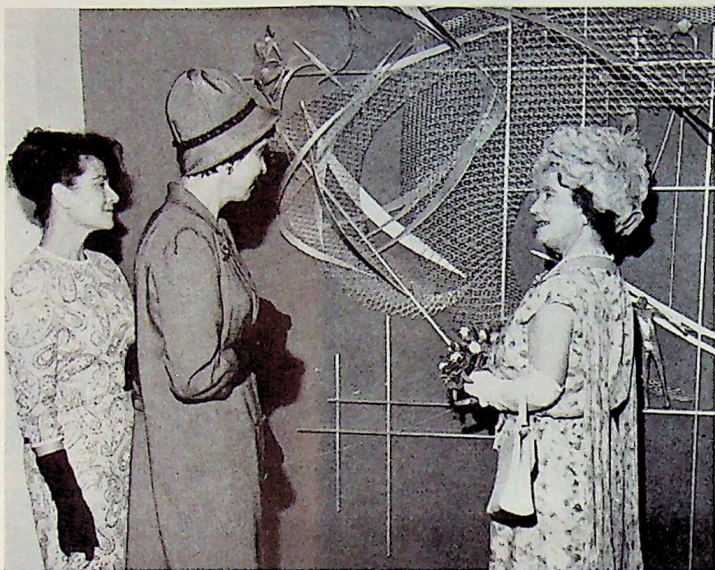






—AND WE KNOW that up and down the country many, many good wishes went out to John and Jennifer Mitchell on May 21st. Here they are, the Association's Schools Secretary and her husband, after their marriage and in a radiant mood. In the last LOG we asked for your best photographs to illustrate your news and on these two pages you can see we sometimes get what we want! We shall keep on wishing for plenty more good pictures lighting up the spirit of Toc H for all who read the LOG

# N.A.Y.C.



*Photograph by courtesy of JATONY STUDIOS*

**H**ER MAJESTY Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Patron of the National Association of Youth Clubs, opened their new Devonshire Street House on June 29th this year. Here she is talking to Judith Francis who created the spirited metal sculpture expressing "ideas and hopes", in the entrance hall. Joan Bickell, N.A.Y.C. Press Officer, is to the left of the picture.

**DEVONSHIRE STREET HOUSE** in London, residential club, conference and training centre and administrative headquarters—was built at a cost of £200,000; some £40,000 of them still to be raised last Spring, as the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, Chairman of the National Council of the N.A.Y.C., mentioned at a viewing party a little while before the opening, expressing the hope that anyone present who had "rich friends" might interest them in the



vital matter. This is an Association which serves 227,000 young people and is one of the list of kindred societies with which Toc H Women's Association is either associated or on which it has representation. The youth club members themselves have not been left out of this great enterprise: N.A.Y.C. Divisions, Local Associations and Clubs are helping to equip and furnish this fine new centre in Devonshire Street which stands four-square in proof of the belief of the excellence of youth held by an Association which has known young people in many generations and for over sixty years.

**EDITOR**

### **NATIONAL MEMBERS' CONFERENCE**

**G**AY BERRY attended the National Members' Conference at Avon Tyrrell this Whitsun. Afterwards she made a full report—which has been read with interest at headquarters but for which there is no room in this number of *THE LOG*. "During the year '65-'66," she writes, "the National Members' Council of the N.A.Y.C. chose as its theme, 'Hi, what are We going to do about Them?' For the purpose of the theme 'We' constitutes those who belong to youth clubs; 'them' all those people who do not." The Very Reverend The Dean of Liverpool (Dean Edward Patey)—on Moral Values in a Changing World—and Mr. Richard Davies of P.E.P. were the speakers, as well as a panel of adults—"who had the qualification 'We knew them'" and who led a discussion at the close of the conference.

#### **ADVERTISEMENT:**

#### **SHELDON HOUSE FOR GIRLS**

Assistant Warden required for the above. Salary £350-£450 according to experience. Residential emoluments. 3 weeks' holiday in the year. Apply in writing to: Mrs. M. Berry, High Tor, 28 Vicarage Road, Penn, Wolverhampton.

## NATIONAL CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

VERA HARLEY attended a meeting at the House of Commons on June 28th. this year and here gives a resumé of vital interest

**D**OCTOR Margaret Wolfendale spoke of her work at the Stoke Mandeville Hospital and stated that almost 13,000 slide-tests had been carried out in the district by only two full-time and two part-time workers. Sixty per cent of the women tested with a positive result had been cured. She stated that she had set up three clinics during the past three years, but that further expansion was being held up by lack of accommodation and staff. She hoped soon to start a scheme whereby Health Visitors would visit and educate women in their homes. The women most susceptible to this type of cancer were in the following categories:

- (a) Lower social and income groups
- (b) Aged between 25-45
- (c) Women married early and mothers of families.

Another speaker stated that tests taken in a women's prison had proved that 35 out of every 1,000 women had positive slides. Figures from Hospitals, Family Planning Clinics and G.P.'s were considerably lower on average—about 6 per thousand cases.

Mrs. Joyce Butler, M.P., assured the meeting that the Ministry of Health was anxious to help the Campaign in every way possible, but she stressed that the task was an expensive one. During December 1965, 64,000 tests had been carried out, but as the population of women in Great Britain between the ages of 35 and 45 is over 12½ million, it was essential to speed up the facilities. The method whereby women could take their own tests was not yet perfected. The Minister of Health asks that women's movements should encourage women to be tested, but only if they lived in areas where facilities were available.

The Chairman agreed to circulate a list of areas where facilities were not yet available. In these areas, women's movements were asked to assist in the following ways:

- (1) Form liaison groups to work with the Campaign at Headquarters
- (2) To offer every help to the local Medical Health Department
- (3) Recruit married women to train as part-time workers in the clinics
- (4) Organise crèches in the clinics
- (5) Organise transport for women with small children.

It was stated that Coventry had donated £50, Slough £25 and Mill Hill 5 guineas towards the National Cervical Cancer Prevention Campaign.



## Caravan COMFORT

THE second season of the Oxford and Thames Valley Area caravan saw an increase in the number of bookings. It was sited near to the river at Henley and Branches took it in turns to visit its holiday-makers and to carry out any jobs that arose.

The people who stayed in the caravan were of many ages, ranging from young children to retired holiday-makers and among them were sufferers from multiple sclerosis and arthritis; spastics and the mentally retarded.

This year the caravan is on the site adjoining the Thames at Wallingford and the season from April 30th-1st October.

Further details from me—Mrs. Maureen Devine, 212 Silverdale Road, Earley, Berkshire.

## Enjoy Your Fireworks... SAFELY!

This is the title of a leaflet issued by the British Firework Manufacturers' Safety Association and below are the points made in the leaflet:

1. Read the instructions on each Firework carefully and place in position as directed before lighting.
2. Light Firework at arm's length, keep face well clear and don't lean over it.
3. Never put Fireworks in pockets.
4. Keep Fireworks in a covered box or container, take them out one at a time, and replace the lid before lighting.
5. Don't tamper with Fireworks or try to make your own. This is silly, dangerous and illegal.
6. Never throw Fireworks about.
7. Remember it is illegal for Fireworks to be sold to children apparently under the age of thirteen or to let them off in the street.
8. Bonfires should be sited in open spaces. Never throw paraffin or petrol on to them and before leaving pour water on the embers.
9. Finally, a special word about pets. Keep them indoors and, if of a nervous disposition, keep them away from the sight and sound of Firework parties.

# National Society For Mentally

**A**FTER Lord Segal, chairman of the Society, had opened the meeting, the Minister of Health, Mr. Kenneth Robinson, gave his address.

He spoke first about the relationship between the voluntary and statutory social services. The former comprised people such as parents who were directly concerned with those they were serving; by their interest and enthusiasm they provided a pressure group; they were also a forum for trying out new ideas and methods; and above all they were local and personally interested. On the other hand the statutory bodies comprised impersonal professional workers who were bound by old and tried methods. However although their rôles were complementary there was often a lack of co-operation and understanding as well as overlapping of effort between the two.

He continued by mentioning the controversy about Junior Training Centres. The Society thought that they should be under the educational authorities while the Government thought that they should remain under the health authorities, even though the educability of mentally subnormal children had now been proved. There was no mention of the matter in the 1959 Mental Health Act and the Government were reluctant to make any changes unless their advantages were proved.

## "WE WILL REMEMBER"



GLADYS MORTON JOHNSON—*Altrincham*. Dec. 1922—May 1966.

ANNIE WHITTAKER—*Harehills*. 1.1.34—14.5.66

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MARGARET ELIZABETH JONES—*Wrexham*. 1.1.48—7.5.66.

EVELYN DARROCK—*Harborne*. 17.4.34—19.5.66

EDITH WATKINS—*Rusthall*. 27.11.53—Oct. 1965.

M. NEWPORT—*Builder (Wembley)*. 7.10.48—Dec. 1965.

ALICE NEAL—*Weymouth*. 6.3.53—18.5.66.

GRACE GORDON-THOMPSON—*Builder (Tunbridge Wells)*

24.5.55—April 1966

M. H. POTT—*Builder (Ashby-de-la-Zouch)*. June 1955—

June 1966

L. GREENWAY—*Builder (Wenwoe)* former member.

16.10.51—June 1966.

MARGARET H. LINTON—*Roseworth (Founder member)*.

19.2.62—5.6.66.



# Handicapped Children

CAROL A. BURTCHETT  
attended the Society's  
Annual Convention at  
Senate House, London,  
in April and here reports  
on the meeting

There had, however, been a tremendous growth in Government services in the last ten years. Expenditure on Junior Training Centres had increased fourfold from £300,000; the number of children in such centres had doubled to 16,000 and it was hoped that this figure would be 25,000 in 1974; there were now 700 children in hostels compared with just over a hundred in 1956 and they hoped that the number would be 7,000 in ten years' time; and it was hoped, too, to increase the number of adults in hostels to 29,000 as compared with 17,000 now and 4,700 ten years ago, making the number of adults in hostels greater for the first time than the number of children. Teacher training courses for those concerned with the mentally subnormal were now being recognised as courses of further education.

He ended by saying that £1½ million were spent on hospitals each week but without the skill and enthusiasm and imagination of the individuals who worked in them, the money could have little effect.

Peter Mittler, a lecturer in Psychology at the University of London, then addressed the Convention on the subject of the future developments in educating the mentally subnormal. Mental subnormality meant that the person could retain knowledge but could not organise it or transfer knowledge gained from one situation to another. Intelligence was not just made up of learning ability but ability to relate and manipulate knowledge. This was now thought to be an environmental rather than a genetic quality. Early testing could condemn a child which in a suitable environment could develop. It was important too that a stimulating rather than a dull hospital environment was provided for a child's education.

Children often had several handicaps and by a mere intelligence test did not show how they could hold their own in a class if they suffered for instance from deafness or paralysis as well as mental backwardness. A special assessment class should be provided where all children of doubtful educability could be observed by a team of experts for a period of say six months. He also felt that there was too little continuity between the programmes in the Junior Centres and those in Adult Centres. He concluded by saying that now that the educability of subnormal children had been proved it was vital to turn to their problems the best educational training, teachers, equipment and research.



**BELFAIRS:** "The trolley shop is now in its thirteenth year and has been manned throughout this period by members of your Branch. The annual profits are in the region of £70 to £80 and this money is used to purchase additional comforts for the residents of Roche Close, and to date five television sets and ten radio sets have been bought with this money. In addition, additional Christmas comforts have been purchased . . . and also outings are provided out of this money. Apart from the profit that is made, I

consider the most outstanding feature is the personal relationship that has developed between the residents of Roche Close and the members and friends from your Branch . . ." This is an extract from a letter sent by W. L. Jones, Superintendent of Roche Close home for the elderly, to **HELEN M. WALTERS**

**BIGGLESWADE:** I am enclosing a copy of a letter which we have received from the Matron of the local hospital, writes **P. F. PRESLAND.** The letter of appreciation underlines the value the Matron has put upon Toc H's care for one of the patients who, until her recent death, had been in the hospital since 1955, and suggests, in answer to the Branch's wish, another patient for their "adoption". (The Family's care of patients with no, or few or far, friends and relations, is a *good* job.—Editor.)



*Fifteen children take a day at Ayr . . .*

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UNLESS YOU TELL US: AND IF YOU'RE DOING SOME-  
THING NEW IT MAY BOOST OFF ANOTHER FINE  
EFFORT FROM SOMEONE ELSE**



**BISCOT:** On Saturday June 18th members provided and served refreshments at a fête for the Alban Neve Centre for the Deaf and Rookwood Old People's Home. The sale of homemade cakes, rolls, sandwiches, tea and soft drinks raised £10 18s. 2d. Ten guineas was given to the Treasurer of the Fête.

**PAULINE J. WOLSEY**



**BRIDLINGTON:** Knitted by some of our members during the winter, a woollen blanket has been given to the Ryder Cheshire Home. We also organised a successful At Home for the Muscular Dystrophy Research Group in April.

**M. COURTNEY**

**GLASGOW:** Our members, on Saturday May 21st, took fifteen children to Ayr for the day, and Ayr Branch joined us in this successful effort. They met us at the station and ran a car shuttle-service from there to the beach. After paddling, games and races on the beach, the Ayr members collected the party for tea and ice-creams in their rooms and saw us off on our train home.

**NANCY ADAM**

**GLOUCESTER JOURNAL:** Extract from the issue of May 7th; from an article by Susan Severn.

"Thirty-eight-year-old Evelyn can embroider, knit, type and pot young plants. Nothing unusual in that you might say, thousands of people have those accomplishments. But that is until you know that Evelyn does all this work with her feet. Evelyn is one of the twenty-three patients at the Cotswold Cheshire Home in Overton Road, Cheltenham . . . She learnt to type at a college three years ago. She uses her left foot to work the shift key and she holds a piece of stick in her right foot to hit the keys. 'I'm a member of Toc H and I do a lot of typing for them,' she added. And in the summer she will be taking another of the patients for a week's holiday in a Toc H caravan at Wainlodes.

**GODALMING:** We recently had a coffee evening with a bring-and-buy stall and showed slides of last year's Toc H Boys' Camp at Pepperharrow, with which we are again helping this year. We have raised £10 2s. for this year's camp. At £3 10s. per boy, we can send two and a bit of a third boy!

**VI HAMMOND**



**GREEN STREET GREEN:** The local Toc H men sponsored a combined organisations summer fête recently, and we and the Scout group, the Women's Institute and Friends of Orpington Hospital were among the supporters.

**MARCIA NICHOLSON**

**PIERREMONT** is now up and coming in doing jobs: in hospital library work, hospital telephone service and hospital visiting weekly. Twice a week we make tea in an old people's club and arrange two parties a year for them, and one of our members has had two students as visitors during the three years they have been at Darlington College of Education, and now two more are coming along to take their places.

**E. M. BOLTON**

**PLYMSTOCK:** Barbara M. Ashton in the Queen's Birthday Honours has been awarded the M.B.E. for her work as District Nurse.

**ALICE WELFORD**

**SHEERNESS:** On May 14th, we entertained thirty-six patients, accompanied by three of the hospital staff, from Milton Hospital for the elderly. This is a yearly event, and we have been told the patients look forward to it.

**ETHEL CHATTEN**

**WEMBLEY:** During my recent holiday at Weymouth, I visited the Branch at Talbot House and felt the same spirit I so well remember when I visited the first Talbot House at Poperinge. Good wishes, Weymouth, and thank you.

**FLORENCE MALLETT**

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**YORKSHIRE:** We had such fun the other day! Who would have thought that when a young coloured nurse asked for holiday hospitality thirteen years ago, she would turn into such a charming ambassador?

Claire Gittens, of British Guiana (as it was then), wrote to Elisabeth Worth about her holiday and was put in touch with a family in the Isle of Wight. They got on so well together that the friendship has lasted through the years and now Claire is happily married and lives with her Jamaican husband and two children in Knaresborough. She does part-time night nursing in a big hospital in Harrogate.

In this hospital there are more coloured than white nurses and they, too, need holidays and somewhere to go when they are off duty.



Claire sees the English side of the picture as well as the side of the visitors from overseas, which is what makes her such a good ambassador. She has the nurses to her home occasionally for records or just friendly chat and was put in touch with me by Bob Purdy and his wife, who live near her. We fixed up a visit to York for a few of them. With her mother, little girl and four nurses—two from Kowloon and two from Barbados—Claire drove to York last week and we did a tour of the city.

It is not everyone who has a city like York to show visitors, but many of us have homes where we can offer hospitality. Warmth of welcome is a great ice-breaker and if our guests do not want to talk very much until they know us better, they are happy to sit and watch TV or listen to records, and will often enjoy bringing their own to share with us. Some are very homesick here, and probably some of our sons and daughters are homesick sometimes, when they go off on the adventurous things they do nowadays.

**MOLLY OXENFORD**

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#### **WESTMINSTER ABBEY MARKET AND FAIR:**

The Committee thanks everyone concerned for their magnificent support. The quantity and variety of goods received exceeded all expectations. Final figures are not yet available but a full report will be given in the next issue.

**APPLICATIONS** are invited from the membership for the post of full-time Overseas Secretary. Write to the General Secretary at Crutched Friars House, London, E.C.3, as soon as possible.

**PAYROLL TAX:** We know that members are relieved to know that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has agreed to refund the Payroll Tax in full to charitable organisations such as ours. We are grateful to the National Council of Social Service for presenting the case so successfully.

**VERA HARLEY**

**THE WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT** will be started and the 24-hour Vigil kept this year at Canberra, Australia. You will remember that the Australian membership originated the idea of the Chain, which is why they have been invited to start this one for the first year of the second half-century of T'oc H. Details were given in the July **JOURNAL**.

**ELISABETH WORTH**

# THE CHANGING PATTERN\* . . .

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**P**REJUDICE on the part of employers, fellow employees and the general public is still one of the greatest obstacles facing the working woman of 35-plus—especially the working wife.

So says a report on job and training opportunities for the older woman published on March 1 by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.\*

The report points out that married women at work now outnumber single women. The number of spinsters is expected to dwindle still further. Employers must therefore recruit married women to the posts formerly filled by single women.

The report mentions employers' reluctance to accept part-time workers and blames this partly on the fact that full National Insurance contributions are payable by employers for part-timers, and partly on prejudice among full-time employees.

Job and training opportunities—both refresher courses and basic training—are outlined in the report and cover many fields. It makes clear that while there are fair prospects of re-employment—sometimes with refresher courses beforehand—for the older, trained woman in fields such as teaching, law and medicine, it is hard for the untrained woman to train at 35-plus for a new career. Among the exceptions are jobs involving care of the aged or the young, institutional management and sections of the retail distributive trade, where training for the older woman is available.

The report was prepared by a committee which included Lady Littlewood, president of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, and which was chaired by Miss Margaret Clifford, a teacher and former women's employment manager at Rowntree's of York. Twenty-one thousand members of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, as well as other organisations and individuals, helped to supply facts for it.

To deal with inquiries from women inside and outside the Federation about job and training opportunities, the Federation is setting up a bureau, to be headed by Miss Margaret Clifford. All inquiries should go in the first instance to the Federation's General Secretary at 55 Russell Square, London, W.C.1.

\**"The Changing Pattern"*, price 2s. 6d., National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, 55 Russell Square, London, W.C.1.



# Letters

**DEAR EDITOR,**

As you may know, this year we at Dr. Barnardo's celebrate our Centenary. Since 1866 when Dr. Barnardo took into care the first Barnardo boy, over 167,000 children have been assisted by us.

Over a century conditions in this country have changed enormously. Today physical destitution has been largely eliminated and in the age of the Welfare State the need for an organisation such as Barnardo's has become less obvious. It is a fact that we are helping over 9,000 children and every day of the year five more are assisted by us.

**EDWINA GREENFIELD**  
(*Information Officer*)

**DEAR EDITOR,**

Thank you for all you do for us in THE LOG. I often make use of your own contribution when I have to go to Branches to chatter to them.

I have been wondering if it would be possible to have more about the young people working with Toc H, in the Log, maybe it is presumptuous of me to suggest this, but I do feel that members should know and realise how much is going on with young people these days. I have a feeling that the Projects, Mobile Action, etc., are a part of a pattern and adventure that is slowly working out for our Movement. Maybe just a dream on my part!

**ETHEL M. BUCHANAN**

**DEAR EDITOR,**

I think I saw you at Windsor Castle Garden party!—However, I do see your article in THE LOG every two months and it is certainly a refresher.—I wonder how you think them up! Congratulations!

**EDITH M. BOLTON**

(*No, I wasn't at Windsor—but thank you!—Editor*)

**DEAR EDITOR,**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Miss E. Perrin and Miss R. Relf for their leadership of a most wonderful holiday in Italy. I feel we are inclined to take things too often for granted not realising the amount of work that goes into these affairs. So I offer my very grateful thanks for a wonderful 2 weeks to these two hard worked people.

**FRANCES DUFLLOT**  
(*Edgware*)

**DEAR EDITOR,**

My son, aged 10, has started a Toc H project at school. He has put "Toc H" on pottery he has made; children and teachers are asking "What is Toc H"? Both he and his younger brother want to become members when they grow up, they tell me.

**BRIDGET HOLLMAN**  
(*Orpington*)

**CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** was very happy to have with them at their last meeting the new Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Stanley Rubinstein. Mr. Rubinstein is well-known in the City for his interest in Art and Welfare Projects. As well as serving on the Central Executive Committee, Mr. Rubinstein is a member of both the Finance and Conference House Committees.

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